

Newsletter

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Forest School!

We are delighted to have the resources to be able to provide this once again this year. It was great to see the first Forest School session of the school year going on in Chestnuts class today - and great weather for it too!

'WELL DONE!' to the following pupils who received awards this week:

Acorns Class Values Star: Maizey Lemonius

Chestnuts Class Values Star: Poppy Edgar

Sycamores Class Values Star: Enya Baxter

Maples Class Values Star: Archie Golding

Willows Class Values Star: Madison Panting

Oaks Class Values Star: Erin Massey

Reading star: Zac Ridgway

Writing star: Isabel Phelps

Maths star: Ryan Golding

PE star: Nevaeh Harding

Lunchtime star: All of Acorns class

Role-models of the week: Harry Belcher and Harry Lockett



Message from the Headteacher

Well done to Acorns class – this week they have managed lunchtimes in school which seems to have been a great success, judging by their award (see below). Next week – full-time!

The scaffolding for our bell tower building work is due to come down at the weekend and the work on this part of the building is looking good!

Please can I ask that we all park safely when dropping off and picking up from school? This week I had a call from a neighbour who reported that he had been verbally abused when he had tried to approach a parent about the fact that his driveway had been blocked by inappropriate parking. Walking your children to school (if you live in the village) is really helpful to avoid

congestion, as is remembering our values of mutual respect and co-operation so that we are role-models for our children.

Thank you everyone – your support in this is much appreciated.

Each year for the last four years we have put on a fantastic production at Chipping Norton Theatre in the summer term which has involved all the KS2 classes. The theatre generally takes a maximum of 60 children and so we had only allocated for Y4-6 to take part in this next summer.

However, we are delighted to announce that, following some negotiations with the theatre and because of our excellent reputation of the standard of our performances in previous years, they are prepared to take all 72 children in KS2 which means that the Y3 class can now be involved. Great news!

Our parent consultation period for the move to the River Learning Trust is now open. Please do go on to our academies page for an update of information and don't forget that there will be two meetings with Paul James, the CEO, on Thursday 21st September, 3.15pm to 4.15pm and 6.30pm to 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Finally, don't forget that if your child is in Y1-6 and you have any concerns about how your child has settled into school this year, please don't hesitate to contact the office to make an appointment with your child's class teacher for an optional parents' evening next week. Thank you.

Clubs

Clubs are now well underway and it is great to see the children enjoying these extra-curricular opportunities. Can we just remind you that once children have attended a couple of sessions, we do then expect them to commit to the rest of the term ahead. Thank you.

Macmillan fundraiser

Our School Council are organising this fundraiser for an important cause. There will be a tea and cake sale held on Friday 29th September in the school hall from 2:30-3:30pm. Cake donations will be most welcome please! There will also be fabric badges on sale at break time the week leading up to it (from 25th September onwards) at £1 each.

Lollipop crossing

There will be no lollipop crossing on Thursday 21st September in the morning and Friday 23rd September in the afternoon. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Phonics talk

We will be running a phonics talk for all Y1 parents on Monday 2nd October, in light of the statutory phonics tests all Y1 pupils must undertake in June. Please do come along to find out further information about how you can further support your child at home - because this makes all the difference! Thank you.

Junior Citizens
On Wednesday of this week Oaks class (Y6) travelled to Oxford to take part in 'Junior Citizens', an opportunity to develop important life skills. Charlie in Y6 said, 'I enjoyed having to decide what to do in the role-play situations, such as calling 999 in an emergency.'

FOMBS disco

Dust off your dancing shoes and join us for our first fundraiser event of the school Year! Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Tempest photos

The Tempest photography company will be in school on Friday 29th September. All school children will have their photos taken both individually and with any siblings during the school day. If you have a pre-schooler and would like your school-aged child to have a photo taken with him/her, please bring them to the school hall at 8.30am that morning. Thank you.

European Languages

We will be celebrating European Day of Languages on Friday 6th October with a range of language and cultural activities. We would like the children to dress up in various countries' colours - see attached letter for details. Mrs Pearce would be delighted to hear from any linguists (whatever your ability!) who would like to help on the day. Thank you.